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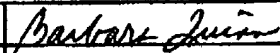
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As set forth in the Office Action mailed October 30, 2006, and December 19, 2006 the Examiner asserts that claims 1-15 (Group I), claims 16 - 17 (Group II), Species A shown in Figure 5 (Claims 1 - 11, 14 and 15), Species B shown in Figure 6 (claims 1 - 10, and 12 - 15), Species C which is recited in claim 11, Species D which is recited in claim 12, and Species E which is recited in claim 13 are drawn to patentably distinct subject matter. Examiner asserts that claims 1, 5 to 10, 14, and 15 appear to be generic. The Examiner therefore requires Applicant to select for examination the claims of Group I or the claim of Group II and one of Species A or B and one of Species C, D, or E.

In response, Applicant agrees with the Examiner's finding of patentable distinctness between each of the above species and elect without traverse to prosecute for examination purposes the patentably distinct invention identified in Group I, Species A and C (claims 1-11, 14, and 15) and to cancel claims 12, 13, 16 and 17. The restriction is respectfully overcome.